THE NET.

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CHAPTER III.—Continued.

leap up in Norvin's face. That young with her a misconception of motive was man was quite unconscious of Martel's impossible stood smiling at him as if she had known

and of unusual pallor, yet it seemed to Blake's arrival. radiate warmth. Her lips were richly Cardi wrote again, demanding instant red and as fresh as a half-opened flower, compliance with the terms contained in above a finely chiseled nose. for he had not been prepared for such a evil. vision, and a sort of panic robbed him

the wedding preparations. ventures together. "Not all!" cried Savigno, lightly. "We

have pasts. I assure you.

laughed. "Who am I to rob him of a de- know it. You will do this for me?" spoil it for him? On the contrary, I am prepared to lend a hand and to start him off with a list of damning disclosures could he notify the whole district when which it will require years to live down." all his preparations have been com-"Pray begin," urged the count. with an pleted?"

air of intense satisfaction. "Eh! He hesitates. Then I shall begin for him. In the first place, Margherita, he openly make merry. He can leave now, tonight. declares that I covet your riches." The countess joined in the laughter at

"You shouldn't place the least dependence in the words of a man's best friend I'm sure, also, that you are needlessly under such conditions, for he covers his troubled. chagrin at losing a comrade by a display of pessimism which he doesn't really he was relieved when the lovers were ignores it he'll probably never hear of it

this, and Norvin could only say:

once more occupied with each other. It again. was some time later that the countess addressed her aunt, excitedly: "Listen! What do you think of this, zia mia? The authorities will not admit

'Poor fellow!" cried the Donna Teresa. "It is La Mafia." "Perhaps it is better for him to remain where he is." Martel said. "He is at least safe for the time being." Safe from what?" queried Blake.
"Safe from the friends of the man he

"Safe also from Galli's wife," the coun-ess added. "She will doubtless kill him as soon as he leaves the prison. She will demand blood to wash her blood." "You sympathize with her?" asked

"Deeply! I am not sorry her husband was killed, but a wife has rights." "You evidently believe in the ven detta?" Norvin laughed. trices. There is a saying which runs, The gallows for the poor, justice for the

"You are a Mafiosa!" cried the scan dalized aunt. "It is one of Aliandro's sayings. He has lived a life. He often tells me "Aliandro is a terrible liar," Martel declared. "I fear his adventures are much

like his rheumatism. "You do not exact a reckoning from your enemies in America?" queried Mar-"Oh, we do, but not with quite so much enthusiasm as you do. We have some outlaws, to be sure, like your notorious

'Cardi is but a name." said the girl 'He does not exist. Intercepting a warning glance from Martel, Blake said no more, and the talk

"I must go to the village. The baker. and I must order the fireworks from Mes-Norvin will remain here while Ricardo and I complete the arrangements.

I tell you it will be a celebration to awaken the countryside. For an hour, then, addio!" He touched his lips to Margherita's fingers, and, bowing to her aunt, ran down the steps.
"Some gadfly stings him," said the
Donna Teresa, fondly. "He is like a That was a wonderful afternoon for Margherita Ginini took him into her confidence without the slightest re-

straint. There was no period of getting acquainted; it was as if they had known mining engineer of Los Angeles, Cal. each other for a lifetime. He never ceased marveling at her beauty, and his Magistrate Joseph S. Boyle, 59th street Two Big Boston Hostelries Advance ears grew ever more eager for her voice. Martel made no secret of his delight at their instantaneous liking for each other, and the dinner that evening was the gayest that had brightened Terranova for

you to say? The truth, between man and

Blake answered him with an odd hesi-"You must know without asking. There's nothing to say-except that sheshe is like a golden flame. She sets one afire. She is different - wonderful. I-

"Exactly!" Savigno laughed with keenest contentment. "There is no other." When Blake retired that night it was not to sleep at once, for he was troubled by a growing fear of himself that would not be lightly put aside.

CHAPTER IV. The Feast at Terranova

During the next few days Norvin Blake saw much of the Countess Margherita, for every afternoon he and Martel rode to Terranova. The preparations for the wedding neared completion, and the consciousness of a coming celebration had penetrated the countryside. Among all who looked forward to the big event, perhaps the one who watched the hours fly with the greatest degree of suspense was the American. He had half faced the truth that night after his first meeting with the girl, and the succeeding days enforced the conviction he would have been glad to escape. He could no longer doubt that he was in love with his best friend's fiancee. Every decent instinct commanded him to uproot this infatuation; every impetuous impulse burst into sudden flame and consumed his better sense, his judgment and his loyalty leaving him shaken and doubtful. Although this was his first serious soul-conflict he possessed more than average self-control, and he managed to conceal his feelings so well that Martel, who was the embodiment of loyalty and

senerosity, never for a moment suspected

ately set herself the task of winning the "Welcome!" she said, in a voice as low American, a task already more than acpitched as a 'cello string, and her lover complished, had she but known it, and smiled delightedly at the emotion he saw although for some women such a course would have been neither easy nor safe,

espionage-unconscious of everything, in Blake longed to end it all by fleeing fact, save the splendid creature who from Sicily, and had there been more time he would have arranged for a summons to America. His mother had not him all her days. His first impression- been well for a long time, and he was that she was all golden, all gleaming like tempted to use this fact as an excuse a flame, did not leave him, for the same for immediate departure, but the thought warm tints that were in her hair were that Martel needed him acted as an eflikewise present in her cheeks, her neck. La Mafia still hung over the count, and her hands. It was like the hue which was not lessened by the receipt of a secunderlies old ivory. Her skin was clear ond threatening letter a few days after

affording the only contrast to that puz- his first communication. Savigno was dizling radiance. Her unusual effect was rected to send Ricardo Ferara at a given due as much perhaps to the color of her hour to a certain crossroads above Seeyes as to her hair and skin, for while bastiano with 10,000 lire. In that case they were really of a greenish hazel, candles would be burnt and masses said they held the fires of an opal in their for the soul of the murdered Galli, so the depths. Her brows were dark and met writer promised. The letter put no penbove a finely chiseled nose.

All in all, Blake was quite taken aback, demands beyond a vague prediction of

Martel was not alarmed, being only anxious to keep the matter from the But the moment of greeting was soon countess, but unluckily she got wind of over, and the lovers fell to chattering of it through the gossip of the servants. She besought him to leave San Sebas-"It was very good of you to come so tiano for the time being, to postpone the long a way," said the countess, at last, wedding, or, at least, to go to Messina turning to the American. "Martel has for it. but, of course, he refused and tried told us all about you and about your ad- to laugh down her misgivings, and, of course, she appealed privately to Blake for assistance.

"You must use your influence to change "Martel tries so hard to impress us his mind," she said, earnestly. "He dewith his wickedness," the aunt explained. clares he will not be overawed by these But we know him to be jesting. Per- ruffians. He says that to pay them the haps you will confound him here before least attention would be to encourage them to another attempt when we return "I shall do nothing of the sort," Blake but-he does not know the Mafia as I lightfully wicked past, upon which he can "Of course, if you wish it, although pretend to look back in horror? It is the agree with Martel, and I'm sure he won't only past he will ever have, so why listen to me. He can't play the coward. spoil it for him? On the contrary, I am The wedding is only two days off now.

"Perhaps," she acknowledged, doubtfully. "And yet Martel's father-"Yes, yes. But conditions are not what Miss Ginini's glance filled him with a they were fifteen years ago. This is most disturbing self-consciousness, and merely a blackmailing scheme, and if he

he won't consent to any change of plan.

She searched his face with her eyes, and his wits reeled at her earnest gaze. He was conscious of a single wild desire that such anxiety might be for him. How poor Paolo to bail, and he is still in gladly he would yield to her wishes-how sladly he would yield to any wish of

> last. "And yet-it is said that no escapes the Mafia "What is the difference? nerges, into the other. Blood has been spilled; the forces are at work." Suddenly she seized him by the arm and her eyes blazed. "Look you," she said. "If Martel should be injured, if those men should dare—all Sicily would not hold them. No power could save them, no hiding place could be so secret, no lies so cunning that I would not know You understand?"

(To be continued tomorrow.)

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drifted to more agreeable subjects. The kitchen. It had been dragged through guest was beginning to feel quite at ease, three rooms and opened with nitrowhen the count jumped up suddenly and glycerine. Sofa pillows, clothing and ed clothes found scattered over the kitchen floor evidently had been used by the confectioner, the butcher-all have the burglars to muffle the sound of the many things to prepare for the festa, explosion. Electricity was used to set off the explosive, a method used only by expert safe blowers. Everything of value was taken out of the safe.

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to marry them Mrs. Pharo, who lives at 5611 Lansdowne avenue. West Philadelphia, has was long, the young men were forced to she was seventeen De Rudio, who is now leave early, but they were scarcely out of forty years old, asked her to marry him. know I perish of eagerness. What have started his second courtship, this time hotels resulted in an advance in wages, rapidly. De Rudio will leave today for Rio concerns.



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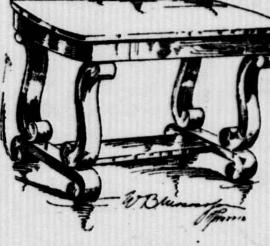
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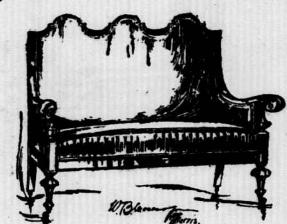
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aneiro, Brazil, where he will remain for six months. Mrs. De Rudio will remain here until her husband returns, when they will leave for Los Angeles to make PHILADELPHIA. September 5.—After day was a quiet one, the bride being un-

HOTEL EMPLOYES WIN.

Wages 15 Per Cent. in Boston has been advanced by the a year.
agreement of two big hotels to grant a 15 Radford says there are more than 350

which has been followed by other smaller

RADFORD AT TRENTON RIVER.

of Wild Buffaloes. WINNIPEG, Man., September 5 .-

Harry Radford, the American explorer, who left Edmonton, Alberta, three years ago for the north country, reached Trenton river last winter and has been hunt-Inasmuch as the ride to San Sebastiano been a widow for fourteen years. When working conditions for hotel employes been heard from Radford in more than

hearing before Martel drew his horse in When she declined he told her he would per cent increase in wages and other wild buffaloes in the Slave lake district beside Norvin's, and, laying a hand upon his friend's arm, inquired, breathlessly:
"Well? Come, brother of mine! You will multiply will multiply the heard that she was a widow and the heard that the he The Indians, he says, guard the ani and will not allow them to be shot.

RESIST TAX COLLECTION

American Explorer Finds Big Herd Kentucky Railroads to Fight Increased Franchise Assessments.

FRANKFORT, Ky., September 5.-At a conference of railroad officials here yes- tional secretary of the socialist party terday it was determined, on the part of some of the companies, to resist the collision of taxes on the increased from lection of taxes on the increased fran- aged forty-one years. ing there this summer, according to word chise assessments fixed by the state BOSTON, September 5.—The campaign for the increase of wages and better this summer, according to word of valuation and assissment on News of his arrival at the bay across. August 31, according to a report here the barren lands was the first that has today. The method of resistance decided

The increased assessments on franchises of railroads, express companies session of the legislature may be called here today charged with extortion. They quarry.

to provide for revenue and to consider a

William Mailly Dead, Aged 41. NEW YORK, September 5,-William Mailly, who, in 1903 and 1904 was na-

ACCUSED OF EXTORTION.

Congress Candidate and Evangelist Held on Woman's Charge.

for \$5,000 from Mrs. Eva B. Carroll for the purchase of an affidavit in their pos-session declared to reflect upon her name, The arrest was made in Mrs. Carroll's apartments, where detectives were hidden while the alleged bartering of Davis and Owens with Mrs. Carroll was going on. It is alleged that Davis told Mrs. Carroll that as he was to be an active candidate for Congress he needed funds and would turn the affidavit over to her for a

in the alleged act of extorting a check

is collected by carts and hauled about for them was started.

were trapped by the police late last night FOUND HIDDEN IN WOODS. Young Man and Woman Held for

Slaving Latter's Husband. EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohlo, September 5, -After having hidden for two days and north of here, John Coburn, twenty-one, and Mrs. Mary Burrows, thirty-five, were consideration. It is alleged that the affi- arrested and brought to this place. They davit was obtained by Owens from a are charged with the murder of Richard

Burrows, a wealthy contractor, was killed Monday night. His body, with the have been awarded the contract to col- head crushed in and a bullet through the heart, was found next day. Coburn and Frederick, Md., for one year from heart, was found next day. Coburn and September 1 for \$3,200. The garbage Mrs. Burrows were missing, and a search Davis, an alderman and republican primary candidate for Congress, and Eben J. Owens, an evangelist, are under arrest years past by a brickyard and by a A heavy cane clogged with blood was also found.

Well, It Was a Good Bet at That---\$25,000 to \$5

By "Bud" Fisher







